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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/965,827 Confirmation No. 5681
Applicant : S. MATSUBARA et al.
Filed : October 1, 2001
Titled : HANDLING METHOD OF BODY FLUID SAMPLE AND
ANALYSIS APPARATUS USING THE SAME
TC/A.U. : 1743
Examiner : Brian R. Gordon
Docket No.: NIP-152-02
Customer No.: 24956

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2005,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 7 this paper.